

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Kiefer et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice dated December 1, 2009, the period for reply ending on January 4, 2010, Applicants respond as follows:

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